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SUBJECT: ANNIVERSARY OF CHOU'S PASSING: NEW POSTERS KEEP BRING-BACK  
TENG CAMPAIGN SIMMERING

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1. SITUATION AT 1230 HOURS JANUARY 13 LOCAL.

2. AFTER A HIATUS IN NEW POSTER ACTIVITY ON JANUARY 11 WHICH  
SUGGESTED THAT THE BRING-BACK-TENG DRIVE WAS EITHER FIZZLING  
OUT OR MOVING TO A NEW PHASE, A NUMBER OF NEW POSTERS  
APPEARED ON JANUARY 12 AND 13 AT TIENANMEN. WHILE THE  
CONTENT OF THE POSTERS IS MOSTLY FAMILIAR, THERE ARE A FEW  
NEW TWISTS. THE NET EFFECT IS TO KEEP THE CAMPAIGN  
SIMMERING.

3. "CAPITAL WORKER(S)" CONTRIBUTED A NEW OPUS ON JANUARY 13  
ENTITLED "HEARTFELT TALK FROM CAPITAL WORKERS TO THE PARTY  
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE: RETURN COMRADE TENG HSIAO-PING TO WORK."  
LIKE THE EARLIER POSTER AUTHORED BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL,  
THIS ONE TERMED TENG LOYAL TO THE PARTY, PEOPLE, AND  
CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT  
TENG HAD COMMITTED SOME ERRORS ON RETURNING TO WORK IN  
1975, IT ARGUED THAT PERSONS WITHOUT ERROR ARE EITHER DEAD  
OR UNBORN. THE POSTER EXTOLS TENG FOR DECLARING HIS WILLINGNESS

TO BE STRUCK DOWN A SECOND TIME -- TERMING THIS GENUINE  
REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT -- AND ASSERTS THAT THE PEOPLE'S  
ESTEEM FOR THE OLD REVOLUTIONARIES ROSE AS THEY CAME UNDER  
ATTACK BY THE GANG OF FOUR. THE WORKERS DECLARE THEIR  
EVALUATION OF TENG: "YOUR ENERGY IS GREAT, YOUR LEVEL (OF  
ABILITY) IS HIGH, YOUR BONES ARE TOUGH (I.E. YOU ARE UNDAUNTED),  
AND YOUR THOUGHT IS RED." DEFENDING TENG'S MISTAKES, THE  
POSTER PUTS A BARBED QUESTION "IF A PERSON IS STRIPPED OF ALL  
HIS POSITIONS OWING TO A FEW MISTAKES, THEN WHO AMONG  
US HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE OUR LEADER?" IN CONCLUSION,  
THE POSTER EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT TENG WILL BE BROUGHT  
BACK AT "AN APPROPRIATE TIME," STATES THE WORKERS'  
"PRESSING HEARTFELT DEMAND" THAT THE PARTY CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE "UNDERSTAND" THE DESIRE OF THE WORKERS AND ALL  
THE PEOPLE, AND ADDS THAT AS FOR TENG'S RETURN "THE QUICKER  
THE BETTER."

4. A POSTER SIGNED BY "TWO PARTY MEMBERS" AND DATED JANUARY 12  
IS ENTITLED "THE MASS MOVEMENT AT TIENANMEN SQUARE IS  
EXTREMELY GOOD." IT TAKES EXCEPTION WITH VARIOUS "CURIOUS  
THEORIES" CURRENTLY EXPRESSED BY SOME PEOPLE: "GOING TOO  
FAR," "GETTING OFF THE TRACK," "IT IS TOO DIVISIVE  
TO RAISE THE TIENANMEN INCIDENT AT PRESENT," "IT IS NOT  
THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO RAISE THE MATTER OF TENG HAI-SO-PING,"  
"IT IS EASY TO BE UTILIZED BY THE ENEMY," AND "PAY ATTENTION  
TO BAD PEOPLE (IN OUR MIDST)." THE AUTHORS EXHORT  
"COMRADES WHO ADOPT A NEUTRAL POSITION WHILE WATCHING THE MASSES"  
TO REREAD MAO'S REPORT ON THE  
PEASANT MOVEMENT IN HUNAN, MARX ON THE PARIS COMMUNE, AND  
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ON THE 1905 REVOLUTION. THE POSTER CONCLUDES WITH  
AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT "THE OLD GENTLEMEN TENG" MIGHT  
REJOIN HUA AT AN EARLY DATE TO ASSIST HIM IN IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE FOUR MODERNIZATIONS AND RECOVERY OF THE DAMAGES  
INFLECTED BY THE GANG OF FOUR.

5. ONE APPARENT TARGET OF THE "TWO PARTY MEMBERS" WAS A  
POSTER PASTED UP NOT FAR AWAY. DATED JANUARY 11 AND ALREADY  
ONE-THIRD SHREDDED, THAT POSTER TOOK A GO-SLOW APPROACH,  
CAUTIONING THAT AN EXCESS OF ZEAL ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN  
SUGGESTIONS MIGHT DISRUPT THE DAILY ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTY  
CENTER AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT CHAIRMAN HUA  
AND VICE CHAIRMAN YEH WOULD RESOLVE THESE MATTERS IN DUE  
COURSE.

6. ANOTHER POSTER INTIMATED THAT PEKING UNIVERSITY IS  
CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES. PEKING UNIVERSITY  
AUTHORS OF THE POSTER CHARGED THAT A POEM MEMORIALIZING

PREMIER CHOU WAS PRINTED BY THE PEKING DAILY BUT REJECTED BY THE UNIVERSITY PUBLICATION. THE POSTER REFERRED TO A RECENT SPEECH BY CHOU PEI-YUAN BEFORE THE PEKING UNIVERSITY PARTY COMMITTEE, BUT LEFT UNCLEAR WHETHER CHOU PEI-YUAN'S POSITION WAS SUPPORTED OR OPPOSED.

7. AT THE WALL ALONG CHANG AN STREET WHERE ALL ACTIVITY HAD CEASED OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS ANOTHER CROWD-PLEASING DISPLAY ATTRACTED CURIOUS ONLOOKERS. A SERIES OF CARICATURES DEPICTING THE NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE GANG OF FOUR CONCLUDED WITH A PANEL OF A BEAMING, BUT UNNAMED, TENG HSIAO-PING GAZING AT THE FALLEN FOUR; THE ACCOMPANYING POEM IS AN ACROSTIC: READ TOP TO BOTTOM THE MESSAGE IN THE LEFT COLUMN READS "THE PEOPLE HOPE FOR THE RETURN OF TENG HSIAO-PING."

8. MEANWHILE IT IS EVIDENT THAT LARGE-SCALE MEETINGS ARE UNDERWAY ALL OVER TOWN. ONE USLO OFFICER OBSERVED BUSES  
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NUMBERED UP TO 281 CARRYING PLACARDS FROM MANY PROVINCES. DURING THE LAST TWO EVENINGS MEETINGS OF UP TO 500 PERSONS HAVE ADJOURNED AT THE PEKING HOTEL AND HSIN CHIAO HOTELS. GATES

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